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Arizona Corporation Commission
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JUL -3 2007

FROM: Ernest G. Johnson
for Director
Utilities Division

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DATE: July 2, 2007

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NACO WATER COMPANY, LLC
FOR A RATE INCREASE (DOCKET NO. W-02860A-06-0002) AND IN THE
MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NACO WATER COMPANY, LLC FOR
APPROVAL OF FINANCING (DOCKET NO. W-02860A-05-0727) – TO AMEND
DECISION NO. 69393

The Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") has recently been informed by the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") that it would like to designate Naco Water Company, LLC ("Naco") as a Disadvantaged Community (based on WIFA Policy No. 1.012) as part of WIFA's loan approval to Naco. This designation would allow WIFA to extend the term of the loan from 20 to 30 years and also allow WIFA to lower the interest rate of the loan, thereby resulting in lower debt payments.

In Decision No. 69393, the Commission authorized Naco to enter into a loan agreement with WIFA, but limited the term of the loan to 20 years. In order for Naco to accept a 30 year loan from WIFA, Decision No. 69393 would have to be amended.

Arizona Revised Statute § 40-252 authorizes the Commission to amend a previous decision under notice to the affected corporation and the opportunity to be heard. Staff has notified Naco and Naco has indicated that it will waive an evidentiary hearing and request that this matter be placed on the Open Meeting agenda as soon as possible.

Staff believes that having WIFA designate Naco as a Disadvantaged Community in order to lower debt payments by having a 30 year loan with a lower interest rate would not only be beneficial to Naco but also its customers. Therefore, Staff recommends that Decision No. 69393 be amended as follows:

Page 18, Line 14 –

Delete “20” and Replace with “up to 30”

This would result in the pertinent ordering paragraph reading as follows:

“IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Naco Water Company, LLC is authorized to borrow up to \$1,160,000 from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority for a term of up to 30 years, at the interest rate approved by WIFA.”

A Proposed Order is attached to this Memorandum for your consideration.

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. W-02860A-05-0727

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

Open Meeting
July 24 and 25, 2007
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In Decision No. 69393, dated March 22, 2007, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") authorized Naco Water Company, LLC ("Naco") to enter into a loan agreement with Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA"). The Decision limited the term of the loan to 20 years.

2. The Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Commission has recently been informed by WIFA that it would like to designate Naco as a Disadvantaged Community (based on WIFA Policy No. 1.012) as part of WIFA's loan approval to Naco. This designation would allow WIFA to extend the term of the loan from 20 to 30 years and also allow WIFA to lower the interest rate of the loan, thereby resulting in lower debt payments.

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1 3. In order for Naco to accept a 30 year loan from WIFA, Decision No. 69393 would
2 have to be amended.

3 4. Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 40-252 authorizes the Commission to amend
4 a previous decision under notice to the affected corporation and the opportunity to be heard. Staff
5 has notified Naco and Naco has indicated that it will waive an evidentiary hearing. In addition,
6 Naco requests that this matter be placed on an Open Meeting agenda as soon as possible.

7 5. Staff believes that having WIFA designate Naco as a Disadvantaged Community in
8 order to lower debt payments by having a 30 year loan with a lower interest rate would not only be
9 beneficial to Naco but also its customers.

10 6. Staff recommends that Decision No. 69393 be amended as follows:

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15 authorized to borrow up to \$1,160,000 from the Water Infrastructure
16 Finance Authority for a term of up to 30 years, at the interest rate approved
by WIFA."

17 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

18 1. Naco Water Company, LLC is a public service corporation pursuant to Article XV
19 of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-250 and 40-251.

20 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Naco Water Company, LLC and the subject
21 matter of the application.

22 3. Staff's recommendations, as set forth in Finding of Fact No. 6 are reasonable and
23 should be adopted.

24 ORDER

25 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Decision No. 69393 be and hereby is amended as set
26 forth in Finding of Fact No. 6.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Naco Water Company, LLC is authorized to borrow up to \$1,160,000 from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA") for a term of up to 30 years at the interest rate approved by WIFA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall be effective immediately.

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Director

DISSENT: _____

DISSENT: _____

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